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This is a faithful saying,
and worthy of all accep-
tation, that Christ
Jesus came into the
world to save sin-
ners, of whom
I am chief



1 Tim. i. 15.

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STRANGERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

That the Rooms of, the
**TORONTO YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN
ASSOCIATION,**

ARE IN ITS BUILDING,

SHAFTESBURY HALL

Corner Queen and James Sts.,

ONE BLOCK WEST OF YONGE STREET.

Rooms open daily from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m.

You will be cordially welcomed.

WORKERS' MEETING.

EACH month we hold a social gathering of our workers for the purpose of considering and praying over the work. Last Thursday evening the gathering for May was held. There was a good attendance, and after tea about an hour and a half was spent in hearing from the Workers. Some very interesting incidents were recited, shewing that faithful work for the Master is being rewarded, and souls are being saved.

Young men likewise exhort to be sober-minded.

Titus ii. 6.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.—Prov. ix. 10.

BOYS' LECTURE.

ON Friday, 16th inst., Mr. Henry O'Brien delivered a lecture to our boys, taking as a subject, "A Trip to the Rocky Mountains." The attendance was large (over 175 boys present) and the most earnest attention was given. The Committee is under obligation to Mr. O'Brien for his interesting lecture, but we are sure he felt amply repaid by the marked appreciation manifested by his audience.

THE KING'S FAVOR.

BUT few of our exchange BULLETINS have failed to make note of the fact that the Emperor of Germany had vouchsafed Imperial indorsation to the Y. M. C. A. work, and in a short speech had said: "You do well to gather young men into these Assciations and thus prevent them from going to the beer houses." It is no doubt satisfactory to many to know that even earthly potentates have been led to acknowledge the work. Yet, to our minds, the fact that the "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" is daily giving token of His Divine approval is something better calculated to encourage us. May we ever carry on the work so as to secure the plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant," and then, while thanking God for any favor He may give the work in the eyes of the great men of earth, we shall not be discouraged should such be withheld.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS

HELD

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

All Welcome.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

EVERY MONDAY EVENING,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

HOW often do we read in the daily papers, an advertisement offering for sale or to rent, certain mills or machinery, and added to all, the words "In good working order."

Now in offering to the public the services of our Association, in the interests of young men, we believe we can honestly say the same. We may illustrate our meaning by giving the substance of a recent incident in our work. A few weeks ago we received a letter from New York, in which the Secretary said, "Mr. _____, a fine young fellow from your city, was present at one of our meetings last week, and professed to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. He has returned home to Toronto, his address is _____ . Will you have him looked up, and give him a word of cheer." As the address given was out of the city, we called upon one of our Directors who resides in that district and requested him to see the young man. He did so, and after a day or two told us that he was employed in the city, in one of the large establishments, of which his brother is managing director. A call was made at the office, and the manager (himself a christian) was first approached. In the conversation he said, "I have always appreciated the work of the Y. M. C. A., but I never thought the organization to be so perfect that the machinery in different parts of the world could be so quickly and harmoniously set to work in the interests of one young man."

Friends if you need the services of our Association in any similar work, we offer them to you—without cost, for "the glory of God and the welfare of our fellow men," is our only motto.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.—Psalm cxix. 9.

Depart from me, ye evil-doers : for I will keep the commandments
of my God.—Psalm cxix. 115.

BUILDING A HOUSE TO FIT A KEY.

WHAT folly! What could induce you to suggest such a foolish act? Well, I will tell you. Some time ago, one of our former members sent me a note, and with it a key formerly used to admit him to the room devoted to the gymnasium. The note read as follows:—

Dear Sir,—The enclosed key is one of your old gymnasium keys, and as it may be of use to the Association, I return it. . . Had you not better build a gymnasium to fit the key, rather than waste the latter. Yours, &c.

No doubt the letter was intended to be suggestive *re* gymnasium work. Certainly it suggested to me the thought, "Well, our friend has just about hit the nail on the head, for much of the amusement and (falsely so called) social work in which some Associations engage is carried out on the plea, "we may reach some one by it." Our firm belief is, that it is an expenditure, nay, we go further, and say a sinful waste, of much valuable time and energy, to secure very doubtful results. It is "Building a house to fit a key."

GOD'S WORD.

THE following is an extract from a letter from a lady in Galt, Ont. : "We have just heard of a very interesting case of a man who was attending Mr. Soltau's meetings in the Shaftesbury Hall and was set at liberty through reading one of the texts on the wall. He could not get his eyes or mind off the text until peace came."

The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.—Psalm cxix. 72.

OFF THE METALS.

A VERY common saying," say you. "Yes," says I, and it often means very serious consequences. If a railway train going thirty miles per hour should get off the metals, who shall even guess what would follow in the loss of life and limb? The Press would ring with the news, and many a heart would ache. Why, it was but last week that the street car I was riding in got off the metals, and rumbled, and shook, and slid about the street in quite a drunken manner. Everybody in it was alarmed, and some actually got out. Yet the car was only off the metals, and was soon put on again. It was there and then I got my title for this talk, and at once began to meditate thus: *Men* get off the metals, *ministers* get off the metals, *Christians* get off the metals, sometimes by a slip, and only a slip. Oh, the need of the old prayer! May the Lord engrave it on our very hearts—"Hold up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not." (Ps. xvii. 5). But when a man slips, and in a thoughtless, prayerless moment does wrong, and so gets off the metals *morally*, he shall be restored to the old paths, and the Lord shall establish his goings. I do not in any degree excuse the slip, but I would have no heart despair. Some poor soul who has slipped morally, and so got off the metals of a pure, true life, may read these lines. If so, dear reader, let my heart speak to your heart. Perhaps we never saw each other, and we never may in this world. You are now I know not where, and I am here in quietude and solitude, praying as I write. Let me speak lovingly to you. Have you fallen? I don't mean gone back to open wickedness and sin, but just slipped enough for Satan to tease and taunt and mock you out of all prayer and holy fellowship. Does your poor heart ache as you remember the days that are dead? Do you hunger

Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.—Nehemiah ix. 17.

for the bread you have not tasted of late, and thirst for the old and yet ever new water that you were wont to drink with such zest. Do you? Are you sure you do? Verily, you shall not hunger in vain, or thirst to be mocked. Remember, if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins. The Lord will restore and receive you the moment you return to Him. Get back, dear reader, get back to the metals! The Lord help thee.—Selected.

HE GOT SO USED TO IT.

HERE was an old turnpike man on a quiet country road, whose habit was to shut his gate at night, and take his nap. One dark, wet midnight, I knocked at his door, calling, "Gate, gate!" "Coming," said the voice of the old man.

Then I knocked again, and once more the voice replied, "Coming."

This went on for some time, till at length I grew impatient, and jumping off my horse, opened the door and demanded why he cried "Coming" for many minutes, but never came.

"Who's there?" said the old man, in a quiet, sleepy voice, rubbing his eyes. "What d'ye want, sir?" Then awakening, "Beg yer pardon, sir; I was asleep. I gets so used to hearing 'em knock, that I answers 'Coming' in my sleep, AND TAKES NO MORE NOTICE OF IT."

So it is with too many hearers of the gospel who hear it by habit, and answer God by habit, and at length die with their souls asleep. "Awake! for the midnight cry has gone forth, 'Behold! the Bridegroom cometh.'" God "hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath appointed," and then your idle assents will be all brought to light. "Behold now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation. (2 Cor. vi. 2.)—Selected.

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE,

Every Sunday Evening, at 8 30.

GOOD SINGING. SHORT GOSPEL ADDRESSES.

COME.

BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1.

Bible Class at 3 p.m., and Gospel and Song Service at 8.30, followed by an enquiry meeting at 9.15. All invited.

MONDAY, JUNE 2.

12 noon.—Thanksgiving and Praise Meeting. The Secretary.

8 p.m.—Young Men's Bible Class, in Parlor "B." Conducted by the Secretary.

9 p.m.—Young Men's Prayer and Testimony Meeting.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3.

12 to 12.45 noon.—How a Blessing which cannot be Measured may be Received. Mal. iii. 8-12; Luke xxiv. 49; Acts ii. 1-4, 14-18; 40, 41. Rev. H. Melville.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4

12 to 12.45 noon.—A Night Scene in Egypt. Ex. xii. 21-36; Job xxxiv. 19, 20. R. Sims.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Is God For Us or Against Us? Joshua v. 13-15; Ps. xxxiv. 16. S. R. Briggs.
8.00 p.m.—Workers' Meeting for Prayer.

FRIDAY JUNE 6

12 to 12.45 noon.—God Follows His Rebellious Prophet. Jonah i. 1-4, 15-17. Assistant Secretary.
7.30 p.m.—BOY'S MEETING.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7.

12 to 12.45 noon.—Who is a God like unto Thee? Micah vii. 18-20; Lam. iii. 31, 32. W. Marks.

4.30 p.m.—Teacher's Bible Class. Hon. S. H. Blake.

7.15 p.m.—Invitation Committee Meets for Prayer.
8.00 p.m.—Young Men's Meeting. R. Northey.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8.

3.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Bible Class. H. B. Gordon.

Deaf Mute Class. F. S. Bridgen.

Chinese Class. W. M. Morse.

Italian's Class.

8.30 p.m.—Gospel and Song Service. H. B. Gordon. Followed by an Enquiry Meeting at 9.15.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Sec'y.

Railway Men's Meetings.

W. C. JEX, Railway Secretary.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3.

12.30 to 12.55 noon.—In G. T. R. Roundhouse Reading Room. Rev. T. W. Jolliffe.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8.

3 p.m.—Union Station. W. Marks and W. C. Jex.

TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS

HELD

Every Saturday Afternoon,

AT 4.30 O'CLOCK,